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Response to Arguments

1. In view of remarks After Final filed on June 30, 2008, claims 1-3, 10-11 have been fully considered but they are not deemed to be persuasive.

Applicant(s) argue that ...Overtoom et al. fail to teach further device station be coupled to the second port during the second mode... (page 5). The Examiner does not agree. As best understanding of the language of the claim 1, the second mode indicates the absence of the detection of the host station, Overtoom et al. teach whereby the second mode is when the PC 114 is not connected to the hub 102 (see figure 1, col. 3, lines 40-53) and furthermore the hub 102 will act as a host station when PC 114 is not connected to the hub 102 (see figure 4, col. 4, lines 46-64) and when a further device 106 or 108 is connected to the hub 102 (see figures 1 and 4, col. 5, lines 8-22).

The remaining claims are rejected for at least the same reason as stated above since they are dependent claims.

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